

RESOLUTION OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
RE: APPLICATION FOR NEIGHBORHOOD FACILITIES GRANT
UNDER SECTION 703 OF THE HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1965

WHEREAS Section 703 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965 authorizes the making of grants of Federal funds to any local public body or agency to assist in financing the development cost of neighborhood facilities necessary for carrying out programs of community service; and

WHEREAS the Boston Redevelopment Authority (herein sometimes referred to as "Applicant") deems it to be necessary and in the public interest to provide certain facilities of the type contemplated in said Section 703 and to undertake a project (hereinafter called the "Neighborhood Facilities Project") with Federal grant assistance, described as THE ROXBURY-NORTH DORCHESTER AREA CENTER; and

WHEREAS it is recognized that the Federal contract for such financial assistance pursuant to said Section 703 will impose certain obligations and responsibilities upon the Applicant and will require among other things (1) the provision of the local share of the cost of the Neighborhood Facilities Project, (2) assurances that families or individuals displaced as a result of the development of the Neighborhood Facilities Project will be offered decent, safe, and sanitary housing within their means, (3) the making of relocation payments in accordance with the regulations of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, (4) compliance with Federal labor standards, and (5) compliance with Federal requirements relating to equal employment opportunity; and

WHEREAS Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the regulations of the Department of Housing and Urban Development effectuating that Title, provide that no person shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in the undertaking and carrying out of projects receiving Federal financial assistance:

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT RESOLVES:

1. That an application on behalf of the Boston Redevelopment Authority be made to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for a grant under Section 703 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965, in an amount equal to two-thirds of the development cost of the Neighborhood Facilities Project, such development cost now estimated to be \$1,545,064.

2. That the Neighborhood Facilities Project (a) is necessary for carrying out a program of health, recreational, social, or similar community service in the area, (b) is consistent with comprehensive planning for the development of the community, and (c) will be available for use by a significant number of the area's low or moderate-income residents.

3. That the Development Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file such application, to execute such contract or contracts as may be necessary for the grant applied for, to provide such information and

furnish such documents as may be required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and to act as the authorized representative of the Applicant in the accomplishment of the Neighborhood Facilities Project.

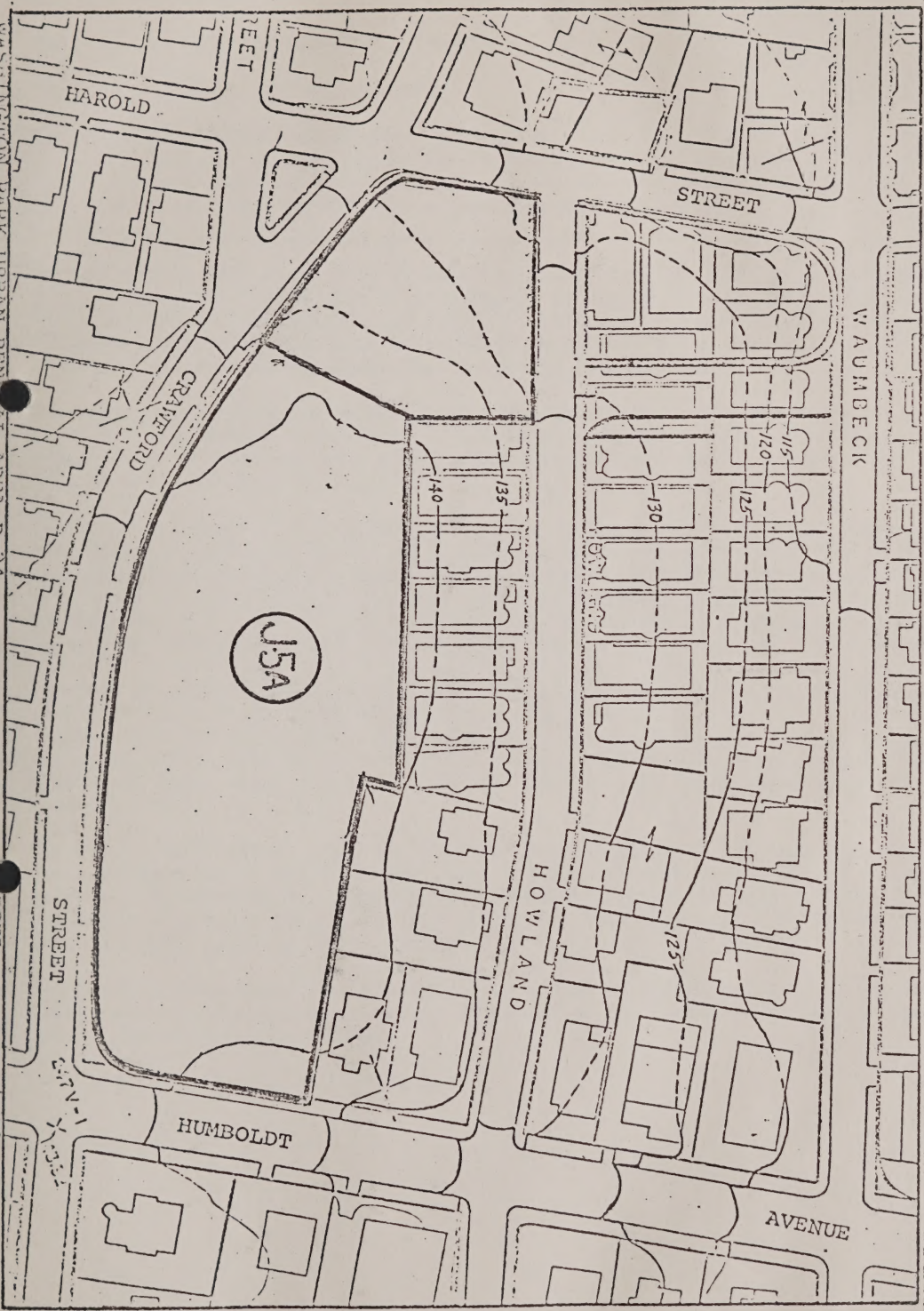
4. That the United States of America and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development be, and they hereby are, assured of full compliance by the Applicant with the regulations of the Department of Housing and Urban Development effectuating Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

5. That the Neighborhood Facilities Project will be carried out in full compliance with applicable Federal statutes and regulations of the Secretary of Labor pertaining to the employment of laborers and mechanics on projects assisted with Federal funds.

6. That there exists in the locality an adequate amount of decent, safe and sanitary housing which will be available to individuals and families displaced as a result of the Community Resource Center, at prices within their financial means, and that all displaced will be offered such housing in accordance with applicable regulations of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

NOTE : 1 - Parcel Disposition Drawings with Precise Metes and Bounds are in Process of Preparation and will be made available when completed. Parcel boundaries as shown are approximate and subject to final engineering definition.

2 - Contemplated future widening of Humboldt Avenue may reduce site dimensions.



WASHINGTON PARK URBAN RENOVATION AREA R-24
BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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 J-5A
 APPROX. AREA : 90,235 Sq. Ft.
 SCALE : 1"=100'-0"
 DATE : February 9, 1972

February 10, 1972

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TO: BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

FROM: ROBERT T. KENNEY, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON PARK PROJECT, MASS. R-24

Revision of Application for Neighborhood Facilities Grant
Under Section 703 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965
Disposition Parcel J-5A - Community Resource Center

On November 2, 1967 the Authority authorized the Director to file an Application for a Neighborhood Facilities Grant pursuant to Section 703 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965, in order to finance the construction of a Community Resource Center on Parcel J-5A in the Washington Park Urban Renewal Area, to be owned and operated by the Ecumenical Center in Roxbury Inc.

The Application was approved by H.U.D. and Grant funds in the amount of \$867,113. were reserved for the development. This Grant equalled two-thirds of the anticipated total development cost of the Community Resource Center, estimated at the time of Application to be \$1,300,669.

Despite all attempts by the Ecumenical Center to meet the established budget, including the postponement of construction of one of the three buildings originally proposed, development costs have unavoidably escalated during the rather lengthy processing of the 703 Grant approval. Development costs, including a firm bid by the contractor, the John B. Cruz Construction Company, and known architectural fees, land, and project inspection expenses are now set at a total of \$1,545,064.

In order to expedite the processing the additional H.U.D. 703 Grant funds reservation which is needed, H.U.D. has advised the Authority to submit a revised Neighborhood Facilities Grant Application and Project Budget to reflect these increased costs. The Ecumenical Center has also been requested to develop the additional local share financing they will need to bear their one-third cost responsibility.

The site itself, Parcel J-5A, is owned by the Authority and has been cleared. Final Designation of Developer and Final Working Drawings were approved by the Authority on December 16, 1971 and the Ecumenical Center is ready to begin construction as soon as the appropriate additional financing can be arranged. The Authority will incur no further expenses in developing this site.

I, therefore, recommend that the Authority submit a revised Neighborhood Facilities Grant Application and Project Budget in behalf of the Ecumenical Center in Roxbury Inc. - Community Resource Center.

An appropriate Resolution is attached.

Attachment